

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, amend the paragraph starting and ending at line 16 as follows:

--Figure 3 is a cross sectional view taken along line III-III A - A of Figure 2;--

Page 13, replace the paragraph starting at line 1 with the following paragraph:

Figure 6 shows the heating fluid network (including heating medium conduit) which includes heat transfer media exit side crossover channels 50 and heat transfer media entry side crossover channels 52. By providing heating in the regions as shown, particularly near the extrusion orifices 30 and near the transition zone 56 of the extrusion orifices 30 (e.g. at the region at the end of the polymer feed channels 38 and at the beginning of the extrusion orifices 30, i.e., the transition zone conduit) and along the feed channels 38 via crossover channels 50 and 52, equal heat distribution is provided to the polymer, to each extrusion orifices 30 and to the polymer in each orifice section feed channel 38.